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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with applicant's duty of disclosure, as well as duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-referenced application. There is no fee associated with this filing.

During preparation and prosecution of the above-referenced application, as well as related domestic, foreign, and PCT applications, the applicant and others substantively involved in the preparation of the application became aware of the cited references.

A one (1) page form PTO-1449 listing the above-mentioned publications is attached.

The references submitted with this statement should not prevent the grant of a Patent to applicant for its invention. Applicant does not admit that the above references are prior in time to the effective filing date of this application.

The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by applicant and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under section 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

No Fee Required

To the best of applicant's knowledge, the information disclosure statement is being submitted prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits and therefore, under 37 § 1.97(b)(3), no fee is hereby required. If a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee resulting from the filing of this disclosure statement to Deposit Account No. 04-1425. A duplicate copy of this document is submitted for that purpose.

Applicant requests that these documents be considered by the Examiner before issuance of the first Office Action and made of record in this file.

Respectfully submitted,

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